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That within this soul they all are seated.
Thou art the One inmost eternal Lord.

I am no longer body. I am soul!
I thank Thee that I know myself to be.
The Soul is One; of finer forces than
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THE CHALLENGE

EN OF AMERICA, Listen! The campaign issue of 1932 is close at hand, I need not reiterate, it is close at hand. And what would the syndicated press lead you to believe as they have led you to believe in the past, that it is an issue other than the Saving of the American Republic from going to perdition. I know the first cry of the present Administration who seek re-election will be that the radical elements here in America are seeking to overthrow the present form of Government in order to install their own after the regime of Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin. In fact they will employ every available means to distract attention and throw the American People off their guard that the issue is not a home issue, i. e., The Protection of the American Republic and the provision that future generations shall not be ashamed of their immediate forbears who stood by their colors in a time when Europe seeks the life's

blood of this Great Republic for their own aggrandizement and the perpetuation of the Reign of Gold which supports Popes, Crowns, Queens and Kings. But this time, dear Mr. Hoover and the Republican-Democratic machine, this time, we refuse to be bitten by the International Snake any longer, and we demand an American President, i. e., a President who stands somewhere and who refuses to be bullied and led into any international agreements which do not comport with American ideals, standards and principles.

I repeat it again, the issue Mr. Hoover is drawn. You have now served your country for four long years with nothing accomplished save what the International Bankers, like seventeen year locusts, have wrought death, destruction, dissolution, deprivation and starvation of the poor working classes. Do you think that at the eleventh hour you can turn our heads from the real issue? i. e., of self-reliance and individual responsibility? Do you think that by weaving our fate and destiny with the future destiny of Europe through foreign entanglements that you can pacify and placate the wrath of a vengeful people who see their precious American Rights stolen from them under their very noses and asking them to place their stamp of approval on the whole business by electing you to four years more of international pillage until we are drawn, split and halved for the oncoming generations of Europeans to work our children as were the Israelites of old in slavery and in bondage? I trow not. Mr. Hoover, I ask you, can you in all fairness say that you have proven true to your Oath of Office to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of

these United States when at the same time you are a part of an International Plot to starve and freeze us until we become submissive to your World Court plans of mulcting the American People to the last cent?

Rather would we willingly cancel the whole European debt and tell Europe from now on we shall conduct our business after the American plan of self-reliance and individual responsibility than to so draw us into their future wars and future responsibilities which asks the American pocketbook to provide for their scheming, intrigue and machinations that are aimed more at the dissolution of the American Republic than the overthrow of their several governments which are in reality one in their sacred name and purpose; to defeat the Rights of Man and establish an International Hegemony for the race of Kings, Queens, and Popes to wrangle over. No, I repeat it, we refuse to become a partner of Mr. Hoover any longer in his insane play at international chess in which we become the pawns while his European friends among Royalty hold the bag to count our carcasses in the final reckoning. I say, we are Souls, now, no longer bodies. You may collect your wrongful debts which you yourselves have incurred through a War brought on by yourselves, but we refuse to barter our Souls and permit you to strangle the evolutionary development of this Grand Free American Republic which in its natural trend of growth should spread throughout the whole Earth until there is not a vestige of Royal power left in the right hand of the Pope of Rome to any more rule us. We refuse, Mr. Hoover, to re-elect you, for we

know that in standing everywhere you have stood nowhere; only playing commissions and committees to dodge real issues and enslaving the masses with a debt that cannot be counted in dollars and cents for it truly involves the natural freedom which we are justly entitled to under the Rights of Man which now animates our course of action.

I say and repeat it, Mr. Hoover has proven himself a miserable failure in his duties and functions as an American President. An agent for foreign interests and foreign plunderbund he now stands at the brink of his career ready to be precipitated into the abyss of oblivion, only in case the American People do not sanction his course of procedure and save him at the expense of their Beloved Republic! "I know not what course of action other men may pursue, but as for me, give me Liberty or give me Death," and now that we need real men more than we need real gold or real European friends the issue I repeat is drawn. Who can come forward and **stand alone,** and represent AMERICA IN THE CAUSE OF UNIVERSAL LIBERTY? Only a President who can tell Europe and the International Bankers to henceforth mind their own business and we shall mind ours in the task now set before us—THE NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM TO AMERICA AND TO THE WHOLE WORLD! ! !

MY TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

OU do not enter Washington, D. C., direct as you might naturally suppose on the Pennsylvania R.R., you are gently turned around, seats reversed, and backed in from Baltimore, M. D., the home of the Roman Catholic Church in America, and from then on all is mystery from the Catholic police guides at the Capitol building to the swarms of Priests which infest the Union Station, bags in hand, and heavy too (as one colored gentleman remarked). All seems an outlay (of what once was the Shrine of Freedom, Liberty and Patriotism) of money and the swarms of vultures which inhabit a spot once death and decay has set in. The old atmosphere of Peace of Spirit noticed and spoken of by so many Americans which hovered over Washington, D. C., up to the time of the World War has disappeared and it now seems the Eagle is chained to the Treasury Building and in its revolving cage gives eagle-power to print currency and issue bonds to the enslavement of the American tax-payer.

I told you I felt the pressure of the Priesthood at our National Capitol as in no other place not excepting priest-ridden Chicago which place has been captured by Cardinal Mundelein and his emissaries.

If this Nation ever turns into a Monarchy and this is not at all impossible, it will be at the hands of the quiet, smooth, clever, scheming Ecclesiastics, for both Protestant and Catholics alike have too many designs upon our National Institutions to be called perfectly harmless. I met a man there who told me that the overthrow of the U. S. Government is immanent, due to the pressure brought to bear

on the people by the clergy, politicians, bankers, brokers and gamblers and the high-priced professional fraternity. For they all work in unison upon the common wage-earner and make them shoulder the bill in high salaries, interest charges, premiums, gambler's rakeoff and professional usury. The whole system belonging to mediaeval Europe and not to enlightened America in this advanced day and age.

The citizens of Washington, D. C., do not vote, have no voice in National affairs, and consequently no interest in the President, the Capitol of the Country itself! They are merely moving automatons who in their robot evolution do nothing save work for money and seem perfectly satisfied though one individual when hard pressed expressed himself as thoroughly disgusted with their Presidential visitor. He remarked that several years ago nearly every evening from six to seven hundred visitors stood at the White House gate to shake hands with their President, yet today Mr. Hoover never comes down to the gate to shake hands for the simple reason that there is nobody there to greet him. Naturally the Hoover supporters would affirm that as the President is not too over democratic, having lived in England the greater part of his natural life, with Kings and Queens, his coldness has driven the well-wishers and congratulators away. But it must be understood that Hoover loves fish and the Rapidan Camp better than People and Politics and his course of action is more in keeping with a Grand Exalted Potentate than a mere Presidential Representative of the People.

I visited the Bureau of Engraving where all our U. S. Currency is manufactured in which two-thirds of the employees are female. Possibly this is why we cannot save our money and are forced to spend it against our own wishes. Be as it may, the colored population are well represented there and I saw one colored lady hold up a huge package of bank bills and offer them to me, though I much preferred the small amount she had in her pocket-book beside her already stamped by our Banker (Government officials). The whole business is operated for the interest of the American Banking and gambling profit-taking crowd and not for the People at all. They just seem to be the quiet, meek, automatic moving forms, who have no will of their own save to do and obey, work and say nothing. I confess I should rather suffer the spice of adversity which is fruitful to the Soul than an evenness of economic conditions in which the evolutionary progress of the individual soul stands still; and this is just what is happening at Washington, D. C., the Nation's Capital. The individual, or individuals who forbade citizens of the District of Columbia voting for their President were royal despots and not truly Americans at all.

The Government of the People, by the People and for the People has passed away (under God). I discovered in my visit to the Congressional Public Library that Lincoln's immortal address at Gettysburg has been garbled and that what Lincoln originally wrote has been **changed** to suit the ecclesiastics who believe more in serving God than in serving their fellowmen. I will not quote the whole of Lincoln's Gettysburg address but just enough to

substantiate what I say. In the closing portion of the address all our school-books, histories, books of poems and plaques and souvenir cards on sale at the Congressional Library itself quote Lincoln as follows: "that we here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain, that the Nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Now on the mezzanine of the Congressional Public Library enclosed in a glass-covered case appears the first and second autograph drafts of the Gettysburg address, Nov. 19th, 1863, the gift of Mr. Clarence L. Hay, Mrs. Helen Hay Whitney and Mrs. Helen Hay Wadsworth, the children of John Hay, which proves that the words "under God," were inserted by meddlesome bodies **after** Mr. Lincoln had written the original. I should think that Mr. Lincoln should be quoted **verbatim** instead of making it appear that Lincoln was a church man (which he was not) and in sympathy with Church dogma and theology. Now let us give you the exact words of Mr. Lincoln as reproduced in the first and second autograph copies: "that we here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain, that the nation shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Quite different from the autocratic intervention of a far-off God in the Heavens and the Spirit of the departed ones fighting for the Liberation of embodied souls from earth plane bondage I take it this was no mere oversight of the parties who thus misquoted Mr. Lincoln, but an outright pla-

giarism to give an untruthful impression to what was vital in its original presentation but made quite impotent in the vocabulary of the theologians.

I trust that all publishing houses here in America will immediately make this correction in name of honesty, decency and self-respecting Americanism and that in future all public addresses quoting Lincoln's Immortal Address at Gettysburg will leave God out of Mr. Lincoln's scheme and give Humanity a chance of freeing themselves of ecclesiastical slavery and theological bondage.

If my trip to Washington D. C. will correct this unjust and unforgiving error in Mr. Lincoln's address, I think I shall be justly recompensed for my visit to the Nation's Capital, the Shrine of Liberty and the undying heritage of the American People.

—Harry E. Richeimer.

LINCOLN'S RELIGION

"And leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

In these words Abraham Lincoln assured Mrs. Bixby who had lost five sons on the field of battle during the Civil War that the Republic was not unmindful of her perfect sacrifice and offered her the thanks which she so richly deserved. These words of Lincoln together with the Gettysburg Battlefield Address show us conclusively that Lincoln was speaking **from behind the veil**—the veil of flesh and matter—and that were it not for his own perfect and just sacrifice he could not blend head and heart

in a manner which speaks from the Heights of the Universal.

Mr. Lincoln was spiritual and had himself attained Liberation from physical plane bondage whilst here in the body. This has been the one attainment that his closest friends, biographers and bibliographers have failed to bring out in their outline of the life of Mr. Lincoln.

His words in the closing paragraph of the Gettysburg Address show conclusively that Lincoln's religion was of the home-made variety and not chained to any belief, dogma or form. "That we here highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain, that this Nation shall have a New Birth of Freedom, that Government of the People, by the People, and for the People shall not perish from the Earth." The freedom of a New Birth which Mr. Lincoln stressed was to come from the efforts of those who gave up their lives that this Nation might live and not from the intervention of a far-off God as recited by those who do not know that Lincoln's original words were changed to suit the sentiments of the ecclesiastics.

Lincoln was the super-man made perfect through perfect sacrifice. He speaks from the Heights of the Higher Self, and whenever he does the Universal responds. I cannot see for the life of me how the Churches can claim Lincoln when his whole life was so demonstrative against form and dogma and his words indicative of a Freedom which the Churches have spurned for ages: "THE FREEDOM OF MEN TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES."

Lincoln is quoted as saying: "If ever I find a Church that suits me, I shall join it with all my heart,"—but it seems he never found one!

—Harry Edward Richeimer.

HOOVER'S SPEECH PAVES WAY FOR NEXT CAMPAIGN

Champions States' Rights in Address on Lincoln Day at Washington

Backs Support of Law

(United States Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—President Hoover's broad statement of policy in his Lincoln Day speech was generally accepted today by his political associates here as the opening gun in his re-election campaign.

He championed the cause of states' rights and urged acceptance of local responsibility and diminution of Federal encroachments. He indirectly attacked nullification and appealed strongly for party loyalty.

If prohibition and power are to be issues in the campaign, the president indicated what his position would be, altho he did not mention either subject directly.

His speech broadcast over a national radio hookup last night from the Lincoln room of the White House, was built around speculation as to what Abraham Lincoln would do today. Hoover said:

Obedience to Law

"You would find him pounding at the public mind against nullification and for adherence to the

constitutional processes of government. No stronger statement has ever been made than that of Lincoln upon obedience to law as the very foundation of our Republic.

The big issue of Lincoln's day was states' rights, the President said, adding that this remains a dominant problem. Turning upon the issue of relationship of federal, state and local government responsibilities, he added:

"We are faced with unceasing agitation that the Federal government shall assume new financial burdens, that it shall undertake increased burdens in regulation of abuses and in the prosecution of crime.

Many Responsibilities

"The Federal government has assumed many new responsibilities since Lincoln's time, and probably will assume more, but there is an essential principle that should be maintained in these matters.

"I am convinced that where Federal action is essential, in most cases it should limit its responsibilities to supplement the states and local communities. It should not assume the major role in replacement of the states or local government."

It was learned on good authority the president expected his remarks would be applicable to control of water power, as well as drought relief work and measures to assist the recovery of business.

Hoover paid tribute in his address to the spirit being shown in the nation to promote better business. "Success is not gained by leaning upon the government to solve all the problems before us," he said, "That may lead to destruction of character."

Solve Problems

Victory over this depression will be won by the resolution of our people to fight their own battles in their own communities, by stimulating their ingenuity to solve their own problems, by taking new courage to become masters of their own destiny.

This is not the easy way, but it is the American way. And it was Lincoln's way. Lincoln was hailed by Hoover as a staunch believer in party government. "He realized," said the president, "as we also must realize that fundamentally our whole self-government is born of majority rule, and to enable the majority to express itself we must have party organization. Lincoln led in founding the Republican Party and he gloried in his party. His tradition has dominated it to this day. It was and is a party of responsibility, a party of the Constitution."

DO WE WANT HOOVER ANOTHER FOUR YEARS?

HERBERT HOOVER as President of these United States in his Lincoln Day address at the White House stressed the major feature of his message in the paramountcy of States' Rights as against Federal Control in all emergencies pertaining to good government. The States must assume their own prerogatives aided in part by the Government, or encouraged by the Government, as Mr. Hoover likes to put it, but never at any time shall the Government assume complete control and regulate abuses that even threaten to disband the Union. He goes so far as to conclude

that Lincoln if living today would countenance this action and sustain him in his refusal to interfere in the regulation of the liquor traffic, suppression of the crime wave, and in the aid and comfort of the distressed leaving outside agencies (outside the Government) do the work.

The Government according to Mr. Hoover must function similar to that of the Royal House of England, reign supreme, review, recognize, sympathize but never stoop so low as to intermeddle with the petty affairs of the People. Collect the duties, taxes, fees and emoluments, count the gold in the Treasury vaults, assume complete control in spending it, and let the People work out their own destinies, as the Government must not interfere with the separate animosities, jealousies and prejudices of the State organizations of politicians, must not take hand when the issues almost rock the foundation of the Republic! The Government is too great and grand for such low, mean, common ordinary business. The Government must be looked upon as something regal, and only can it pierce its monocle when an International Strain reaches its ears, then, ah then, Don't you know, then I, Sir Herbert am indeed really interested!"

When Mr. Hoover tells us that we Americans are not the Government and our cares and grievances lie solely in the hands of the cities and states which today are largely controlled by Roman Catholic officials working in conjunction with corrupt, gold-loving, principle-lacking Protestants, he seeks to undermine our Constitutional form of Government more than any other. His main object in evading Governmental control is to place the function of

Government so that its time, money and effort is largely concentrated on International affairs. The People are no longer the Government according to our British President. The People are the separate entities tied to town, city and state who must not function as governmental parts, for insofar as being a voice in the Government, (save through their accredited spokesmen and representatives) they have simply ceased to exist. But have they?

Sirs, if Mr. Hoover's policy of Governmental dissertion of the People is followed out and his International monocle set in place where we can only be viewed as an International Colony of his Great World Court that so interests and animates him, and American affairs left to lie dormant in the background, sir, I wonder how long this Republic will exist? God only knows and the Forefathers that the People have been almost starved to death from a lack of National vitality and a feeling that they are in reality the Government and not merely the Political Parties that have grown arrogant, dominating, supreme and foreign!

Sirs, the time has arrived when "AMERICA FIRST," must be made the slogan and dominant feature in electing our next President. The fear of Real Democracy, of Governmental Control of all industries, of an uprising of the People is what is itching Mr. Hoover's palm who is but an office-boy for the International Bankers in Wall Street, and who must stress States' Rights so that Government control of National abuses is overlooked and minimized on the whole and the Trusts and Big Business left to pillage and plunder the People from a Governmental angle when the People have no re-

dress save what town, city and state may grant them.

According to Mr. Hoover the Government of these United States is an evanescent, nebulous, diaphenous thing, a far-off ideal that the People must not imbibe in and trend to the National in their scope and views. The business of this World Court from an engineering standpoint is too important to be rocked by the Democratic views of the People. The People have no right save what the Political Sages may grant them in league with Big Business. The evolutionary progress of the Government in that New Birth of Freedom must be stamped out and the Rule of Financial Giants, Kings of Industry and International Bankers are too prominent in the mind of this British Engineer to enable him to think in terms of the Rights of Man and the duties of an American President toward the Freedom of the People. In short a materialist will always pull down the Republic to materialist ideals and what the People now need is a President to return to the ideals of the Forefathers who brought this Republic into being that the Spirit might conquer the Material and save us from the lusts of the flesh and the power of the Devil at Rome.

I hold that were Lincoln living today he would say after reading Mr. Hoover's address on his birthday that this man (Hoover) doesn't even deserve the name of President of these United States as his failure to uphold, protect and defend the Constitution of these United States in leaning to the disobedience of law through his ineffective methods of controlling it, has made him the main offender in

the prosecution of Governmental control of National abuses which threaten the bulwark of our Grand Republic.

Lincoln may have stressed states' rights when the Union was not threatened with dissolution as it is today with Foreignism in the background, ready to assume complete control, but Lincoln never would have countenanced the city, town and state to control each in their own way when the issue had become so great as to involve us in foreign wars and foreign entanglements. No, Sir. He would have replied to Herbert Hoover: You preserve the Union through the function of Government Control or your head will be removed for another who will and Save the Day for AMERICA FIRST principles and Americanism.

"RETURN YE GOOD FOR EVIL"

just attended a lecture delivered by Dr. Horace Bridges at the Studebaker Theater under the auspices of the Chicago Ethical Society on "Ghandi, His Ideals and His Goal." Under the Statement of Principles the Ethical Society resolves itself into: 1st. "The general aim is to interpret morality in the light of science to give it reverence and devotion, and to make it a ruling influence in the lives of men."

"2nd . . . The ancient forms of religious belief are undergoing an inevitable process of change. We approve of and would co-operate with all changes which increasing enlightment and higher moral standards may acquire."

I quote from the statement of principles to show what are ostensibly the underlying motives which animate the Society and which the Public is led

to believe constitutes its foundation principles.

But what are the facts as presented by Dr. Horace J. Bridges seem to be the very antitheses of the principles outlined and a modified presentation of old orthodox views and ancient superstitions under the modern garb and name of an Ethical Society.

Dr. Horace J. Bridges who speaks with a decided English accent, having I judge resided in the Land of the Eagle long enough to learn that America and England are entirely and forever separate opened his lecture with the reading of excerpts from several books on Mahatma Ghandi which were truly beautiful in the spiritual grasp the authors held of a Soul-self-sacrificing and humble enough to merit praise from more orthodox elders than the eminent Dr. Horace Bridges himself. After dwelling for several minutes on comments on what the various authors had to say in praise and admiration of this beautiful Indian Soul and giving him credit for his sincerity and application of the principles which he so nobly espoused, the eminent Doctor I began to believe, was allowing some of the eternal sun-light of the East to shine through his materialistic British Soul, but I was quite mistaken, for after he had strewn flowers in the path of Mahatma Ghandi he immediately began to praise Ghandi not so much as a Soul-force as he first interpreted him to be, but as a shrewd, cunning lawyer who of course attained his shrewdness from his more shrewd English masters.

I saw then and there what we were to expect from the lecturer from now on. His appearance is of a hydra-headed personality. First, you see a

good-looking Englishman, then a meek orthodox preacher who possibly could be made into an Anglican priest with little difficulty, then a modern lecturer with all the dramatic effects of London's own; then again a shrewd British propagandist and apologist who is here in America to thwart any liberal movement of the orthodox denominations growing spiritual and really investigating Ghandi and the Indian doctrine in sincerity and good faith. But this I found was too much to expect from an exponent of ethical standards who comes here not to build up, to Return Good for Evil, but to tear down and destroy all that is good in the ancient religions which are the only hope and true guidance of America and the Whole World.

I do not criticise the Doctor for the simple reason that he does not understand the Eastern doctrine, nor because his ideas do not coincide with mine, but I do hold him in abject derision when he collaborates with all religions in his statement of principles and seeks to acquire those higher moral standards from such collaboration and in his open public lecture positively condemns the unity of all religions in that they are not basically and fundamentally one in spirit and in Truth.

The climax of his lecture came to a focal point in his assertion that what the Mahatma was aspiring and sacrificing for, i.e., "Liberty from British Oppression and Despotism," proved itself to be just what the British were all the time seeking to confer. If any one else than an ethical liar were to make such a crowning assertion I should think him mad, but as the Doctor is eminently intellectual with a modicum of the moral elements lacking I will only

accuse him of trying to bluff his American audience with facts that are not true, misleading and quite unethical.

One thing I would have the Doctor explain to me and to all Americans who attended this British lecture. "How can India or any other Country have self-government under the crown?" For to be self-governing in an individual or a nation one must be left alone, independent of all extraneous influences and willing to let them go their own way, work out their own Salvation, and what they earn keep as part and parcel of the rewards of self-government. "Are the British willing to do this very thing for India?" Dr. Bridges knows in his heart that they are not and for his assertion that East and West are and will be forever separate, I would reply, so long as Americans allow a Second-rate Nation to send out men of the stamp of Dr. Horace J. Bridges type to keep us forever separate and apart will these British wolves in sheep's clothing praise others for returning good for evil but harbor in their own hearts the ideal of British oppression and British supremacy throughout the World, so long will AMERICA FIRST principles be obscured and kept in the background to the everlasting glory of England.

If these are the moral standards the Doctor and his Ethical Society are seeking to instill in the hearts of their fellowmen, it were best the Great Britain and all her loyal sons throughout America and the Whole World were forever banned from acting as the Leaders of Men and sitting in the Councils of the Nations where the destinies of Mankind are moulded for their Salvation and ultimate Redemption.

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